



TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING February 3, 2015 Minutes

Members Present:

Howard Pizzo, Dennis Fedewa

Excused:

Karen Mojica

Staff Members Present:

Jeff Anderson

Mark Graham

Guests Present:

Debbie Alexander, CATA

Lane Musoud, CATA

1. Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. Public Comment:

N/A

3. Set/Adjust Agenda:

Dennis Fedewa made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Howard Pizzo supported this motion. Motion carried.

4. Approval of August 19, 2014 Minutes:

Dennis Fedewa made a motion to approve the August 19, 2014 minutes as presented. Howard Pizzo supported this motion. Motion carried.

5. Delta to Delta Ridership Discussion:

Debbie Alexander and Lane Musoud from CATA provided an update regarding Delta to Delta Redi-Ride Ridership. There were significant increases in ridership from October through December of 2014, which were broken down into three categories, JARC (rides to and from places of employment), New Freedom (ADA/SpecTran registered riders), and general ridership. Ms. Alexander stated that usage in Delta Township exceeded their expectations, and grew faster in the first three months than in other communities. A total of 3869 rides were recorded in the fourth quarter of 2014, and approximately one third of those rides were transfers from another form of public transportation.

Ms. Alexander stated there is a concern that students could fill the Redi-Ride busses which were primarily intended for the community for work. With schools of choice, students are using CATA for transportation. Dennis Fedewa suggested talking to both the Grand Ledge and Waverly school districts. He indicated that CATA should not be used to supplement school bus services.

Dennis Fedewa suggested that a map be developed depicting those areas which are experiencing the most Redi-Ride activity. The map needs to show more than a three month period.

Ms. Alexander outlined the usage guidelines for ETRAN and Spectran. Dennis Fedewa suggested that information sheets regarding CATA's Redi-Ride and ETRANS services be made available to the Board, and that the Clerk's Office be made aware of the guidelines in order to assist the public.

Ms. Alexander stated that the CATA Website describes all their services.

Jeff Anderson asked that in the future, CATA provide a plotting map. He also noted that Ed Reed, Economic Development Director should continue to visit businesses within the Township, and share information on CATA services.

6. Dennis Fedewa made a motion that Trustee Mojica be excused from the meeting. Howard Pizzo supported this motion. Motion carried.

7. New Business:

Howard Pizzo stated that the Eaton County Road Commission has been posting progress on the snow removal on Facebook and this has been helpful. Jeff Anderson noted that resident complaints regarding snow plowing this year are significantly less than have been experienced for similar snow events in prior years.

St. Joseph Highway Project:

Mark Graham stated that he had received the plans for St. Joseph Highway improvements between Canal Road and Marketplace Boulevard and he provided a summary sheet that outlined the proposed plans. Dennis Fedewa expressed a concern that there were no plans to provide a bike/walking path over the I-96 bridge. He stated it was important to address this issue since the Township is growing. Howard Pizzo suggested that a presentation be made to the Board regarding pedestrian access over the I-96 Bridge. Dennis Fedewa suggested exploring the possibility of partnering with the Eaton County Road Commission to obtain support from Debbie Stabenow's Office to obtain federal funding for pedestrian access for the project. Dennis Fedewa stated that he didn't want to delay the proposed improvements to St. Joseph Highway, but he wanted to explore all funding options for a pedestrian crossing of the I-96 Bridge. No final action was taken on the suggestions made during the discussion.

8. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.